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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/821,044; Filed: March 30, 2001
For: **Fingerprint Scanner Auto-Capture System and Method**
Inventor: David S. Smith
Our Ref: 1823.0330001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers;
2. An executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
3. An executed Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with copy of assignment attached;
4. Submission of Substitute Drawings;
5. Nine (9) sheets of substitute drawings to Figures 1A-1C, 2A-2C, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, and 6; and

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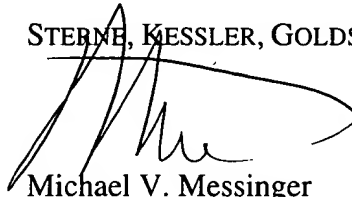
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Attached are copies of nine (9) sheets of substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 for Figure(s) 1A-1C, 2A-2C, 3, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, and 6. The margins of each drawing sheet have been modified to comply with the margins indicated in the Notice to File Corrected Application papers mailed May 9, 2001.

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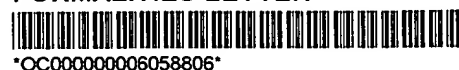
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